



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Wednesday, July 29, 2015

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-3687)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Vice Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Keren M. Goldberg and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

Excused: Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (15-3688)

Call to Order. (15-3596)

Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioner Burton joined at 10:13 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

- 1. Approval of the July 22, 2015 Minutes. (15-3597)**

On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Vice Chairperson Barbara Bigby and unanimously carried, this item was approved with the following additions:

- Page 3, #5 should read...There is not enough staff and only a small percentage of inmates are being served.**
- Page 3, #5 should read...Special Handles which includes LGBT individuals...**

- Page 3, #5 should read...Confined sometimes from early morning to late afternoon, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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II. PRESENTATION

2. Presentation by representatives from the Los Angeles County Office of Education. (15-3608)

Mr. Hector Murrieta, Chief Educational Programs Officer, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), provided the Commission with a brief self-introduction and deferred the reporting to Ms. Diana Velasquez.

Ms. Diana Velasquez, Director II, Road To Success Academies, LACOE, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Road to Success Academies (RTSA). Ms. Velasquez stated RTSA initially began with two camps and after the Superintendent saw the success of the program, he then developed Core Values. RTSA then became a system wide effort at the juvenile court schools. The presentation provided an overview of Educational Programs in Probation Camps, highlighting the following:

- **The Programs Core Values**
 - Humanity
 - Integrity
 - Motivation
 - Impact
 - High expectations
 - Adaptability
 - Accountability
 - Teamwork
 - Investment
- **The strategic plan**
- **RTSA Elements**
- **History/driving forces for change**
- **Past news reports about the program**
- **Current news reports (3 years later)**
- **Golden Bell Award**
- **Development of RTSA & Launch**
- **Cohorts & Phases of Implementation**
- **What the curriculum entails**
- **Certificate process**

Commissioner Goldberg thanked the LACOE for their presentation

and is looking forward to a continuous relationship with them. Commissioner Goldberg requested that the LACOE return at a future meeting and provide information on the following items:

The relationship between LACOE and UCLA "Books Beyond Bars Program".

- The compound at Sylmar Juvenile Hall that house serious youth offenders that are now allowed to attend educational programs.
- The status of the art program within the Juvenile Halls.
- The relationship between LACOE and Los Angeles County Libraries.

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III. REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report on various items. (15-3598)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles with the Commission:

Daily Breeze:

- DA Will Seek to Divert Mentally Ill From Jails (July 23, 2015)
- L.A. Supes to Focus on Sheriff Oversight (July 28, 2015)
- Supervisors Take Their Time in Discussing Oversight (July 29, 2015)
- Sheriff Links Rise in Crime to Prop. 47 (July 29, 2015)

Los Angeles Times:

- Scrutinizing the Sheriff (May 17, 2015)

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4. Treasurer's Report. (15-3603)

Commissioner Andrews reported that the balance of the Commissioner's Charitable Fund remains at \$408.90.

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (15-3604)

Staff reported that Edelman's Courthouse - Medication Approval Unit agreed to present at the meeting of September 23, 2015 and agenda items are needed for the special meeting with the Department of Children

and Family Services and Probation that will be held on August 12, 2015. Also, the Administrator for the Wraparound Program and the Bureau Chiefs for Probation Camps and Juvenile Halls have been contacted and they will confirm a date to come to the Commission and present.

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from July 23, 2015 to July 28, 2015. (15-3605)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:

- Camp Scudder (Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA) on July 27, 2015.

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

Commissioners Arias-Bhatia and Duran visited:

- Men's Central Jail (Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA) on July 23, 2015 and reported that the facility is old, overcrowded and has inadequate staffing.

Commissioner Zhen conducted follow-up visits to:

- Metropolitan Courthouse (Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA) on July 22, 2015 and reported that she reviewed the "Use of Force" reports from January 2015 to present.
- Metropolitan Courthouse (Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA) on July 28, 2015 and reported that she inspected the satellite cells on floors 6-7 and reported the following:
 - Department 65 & 71 - Graffiti on walls, toilet and sinks are new
 - Department 68 & 69 - Some graffiti, safety chairs (wooden chairs with hand cuffs)
 - Department 72 & 73 - Graffiti, food laying out, cell #2 has poor lighting

IV. DISCUSSIONS

7. Discussion and recommendation to invite the National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles to come and present on child trafficking. (15-3609)

Commissioner Arias-Bhatia informed the Commission that the National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles are available to come and present on child trafficking on September 9, 2015 or September 30, 2015. The Commission agreed that they present at the September 9, 2015 meeting.

8. Discussion and recommendations on how to make the Commission's work more visible, including attending the Board of Supervisors meetings on a rotational basis and preparing a quarterly report to the Board of Supervisors. (15-3610)

Commissioner Burton commented that it is important to share with the Board of Supervisors the information that the SBC has prepared regarding the work and the recommendations of the Commission. She added that information will be made public at the BOS meeting and the BOS will appreciate the Commission for bringing forward their findings.

After discussion the Commission agreed to present to the BOS quarterly on a rotating bases.

9. Discussion and recommendation on the method to request "Use of Force" data from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. (15-3611)

Commissioner Zhen recommended that the Commission request a report on instances of "Use of Force" from the Sheriff Department on all the institutions that the SBC inspects. Commissioner Arias-Bhatia recommended that the Commission request the category of type of force used.

After discussion, on recommendation of Commissioner Arias-Bhatia, seconded by Vice Chairperson Bigby and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to request that the Sheriff Department provide instances of "Use of Force" data and present at the August 19, 2015 SBC Business Meeting or at the September 16, 2015 SBC Business Meeting. In addition, if no data is presented then the Commission will voice their concerns at an October 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting.

10. Discussion and recommendation to set a date to review and revise SBC Inspection Form as moved and approved at the July 22, 2015 SBC meeting. (15-3612)

Commissioner Goldberg recommended that the Inspection Forms should be revised after the Commissioners have individually met with their Supervisors. She added that this will be more effective and allows the Commissioners to gain more insight on what the Supervisors will like to see.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Arias-Bhatia and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to meet with their District Supervisor by the end of August 2015

prior to making any revisions to their Inspection Form.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

11. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-3613)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-3614)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

13. Adjournment for the meeting of July 29, 2015. (15-3615)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of July 29, 2015 at 11:53 a.m.